

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The claims have been amended as indicated above. No new matter has been added.

The drawings were objected to for not illustrating certain features recited in claims 34 and 36. The specification was objected to for not providing support for a certain subject matter in claim 34. Claims 34 and 36 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Claims 34 and 36, along with other claims, have been canceled to be possibly be pursued in a subsequent application. Accordingly, the above objections and rejection are moot.

Claims 1, 5-8, 16-19, 32-33 and 35-37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Thomasma. Claims 22-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Thomasma in view of Eckerlein. These claims have been canceled to be possibly pursued in a subsequent application.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowing claim 38 and indicating claims 25 and 28-30 include allowable subject matters. Claims 25 and 28 have been amended to include the features of their base claims. Claims 25 and 28 are allowable at least for this reason.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

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If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 206-467-9600.

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